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Policy

The Omen is a biweekly publication that is the world's only example of the consistent application of a straightforward policy: we publish all signed submissions from members of the Hampshire community that are not libelous. Send us your impassioned yet poorly-thought-out rants, self-insertion fan fiction, MS Paint comics, and whiny emo poetry: we'll publish it all, and we're happy to do it. The Omen is about giving you a voice, no matter how little you deserve it. Since its founding in December of 1992 by Stephanie Cole, the Omen has hardly ever missed an issue, making it Hampshire's longest-running publication.

Your Omen submission (you're submitting right now, right?) might not be edited, and we can't promise any spellchecking either, so any horrendous mistakes are your fault, not ours. We do promise not to insert comical spelling mistakes in submissions to make you look foolish.

Your submission must include the name you use around campus: an open forum comes with a responsibility to take ownership of your views. (Note: Views expressed in the Omen do not necessarily reflect the views of the Omen editor, the Omen staff, or anyone, anywhere, living or dead.)

The Omen staff consists of whoever shows up for Omen layout, which usually takes place on alternate Thursday nights in the basement of Merrill in the company of a computer with an extremely inadequate monitor. You should come. We don't bite. You can find the Omen on other Thursdays in Saga, the post office, or on the door of your mod.

Views in the Omen (5)

Do not necessarily (7)

Reflect the staff's views (5)

Layout and front cover by Jess Ide

## **EDITORIAL**

#### B Corman | Grace Willey

Hey Omenites,

I'm going to be honest. I'm writing this on April 15th. I'm going to write another editorial as soon as I'm done with this one. We have another layout on the 16th.

Why have we reached this sad state of events?

You could blame the Omen signers. Or really, just me, because I'm the one who does final touches and funding and makes sure we get printed.

But I think it would be much more fun to blame the lack of funding.

To be honest, it's not really clear why this year in particular has been so bad. Last semester we had that disaster of a Hampshire Halloween. Part of why we ran out of funding so quickly this semester is, I'm sure, because everyone panicked and put in their funding requests rather early.

But I'm also pretty sure that a good deal of why is that we had new restrictions in place. I'm not saying who or when or why - if you want to know what the deal is, you're going to have to do your own digging.

Anyway, point is, we're kind of far behind and I'm catching us up right now. No one recorded who was here four weeks ago, so officially, this omen wasn't made by anyone.

Spooky.

B Corfman Co-Editor Hello Readers,

I'm still reeling from the Steven Universe season finale as I write this and I have a Div III draft contract/Studio Arts application to pump out. One of my favorite tropes EVER is the: "I'm gonna drag you down with me as a form of revenge" plot twist. (\*Florence + the Machine's "Leave My Body" blares in the distance\*) \*DRAGS HAND DOWN FACE\* AND ESTELLE IS A GODDESS

That's all I have to say on the matter. Tentative Div III plans call to me.

Happy Spring Break! Happy Equinox! Happy Green wearin' day! May all the snow be melted by the time you get this! Joy to the world, the living breathing thing below me is alive again! \*cartwheels into a rainbow and ten freezing puddles\*

Love to all, Grace Willey Co-Editor

## Section Speak

#### Lettitors to the Editors

Dear Omen,

You're odd. I say this in the most loving way, but you are really and truly and incredibly odd.

I've always known this, but I figured I had to say something after the last issue. See, I finally did it. I submitted something to the Omen! Yay! I'm participating!

And I followed all the rules. I included my name at the bottom, I sent it from my email (which has my name in it). I think I may have signed the email with my name, but I don't really remember. (JUST CHECKED, YEP I DID.)

I spelt my name correctly all those times. I followed all your instructions.

So where, my dear Omen, where did you get the extra 'a' from?????

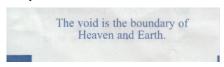
I can barely contain my confusion at the fact that you printed my name at the end of the submission (where I put it myself, spelt correctly) and yet still misspelled my name at the top of the submission. If you turn to the pages, you can see both names at the same time. It's like living in a time warp.

I'd be unamused, but I'm too busy being pleasantly baffled.

I'd just figure I'd let you know.

Meghan (not Meaghan) McGarry

P.S. If I submit anything else, you can choose to include 'Meghan (not Meaghan) McGarry' as my name. I'm okay with this. -Submitted by Meaghan MacGarry



#### Submitted by B Corfman ^

"So Spock said to himself: 'OK, I'm not Vulcan, so the Vulcans don't want me. My blood isn't pure red Earth blood. It's green. And my ears—well, it's obvious I'm not pure human. So they won't want me either. I must do for myself and not worry about what others think of me who don't really know me.

#### LISTENED TO THE VOICE

"Spock decided he would live up to his own personal value and uniqueness. He'd do whatever made him feel best about himself. He decided to listen to that little voice inside him and not to the people around him.

^Grace Willey

We love hearing from you! We absolutely encourage you to write responses to omen content and use the omen to promote your political agenda! You, the reader, are the lifeblood of The Omen! -shadow ed

### **Inform to Reform**

#### A forum to end mass incarceration in Mass.



Saturday, March 28, 2015 165 Main Street, UCC Church 10 am to 2 pm Amherst, Mass.

#### **Featured speakers**

Stan Rosenberg Jessica Morris Barb Dougan President of the Massachusetts State Senate Mt. Holyoke senior & Roosevelt Institute Fellow MA Director of Families Against Mandatory Minimums

**Hear Donald Perry & Donnell Wright** describe how the biased and broken criminal justice system pummeled them before, during and after incarceration.

**Join** activists and legislators to share information on proposed Statehouse bills to end mandatory minimum sentencing, bail and pretrial reform, justice reinvestment, and more to end mass incarceration.

**Take away** an action plan to implement as a vital link in a statewide grassroots movement to end mass incarceration.

**Free** admission and refreshments.

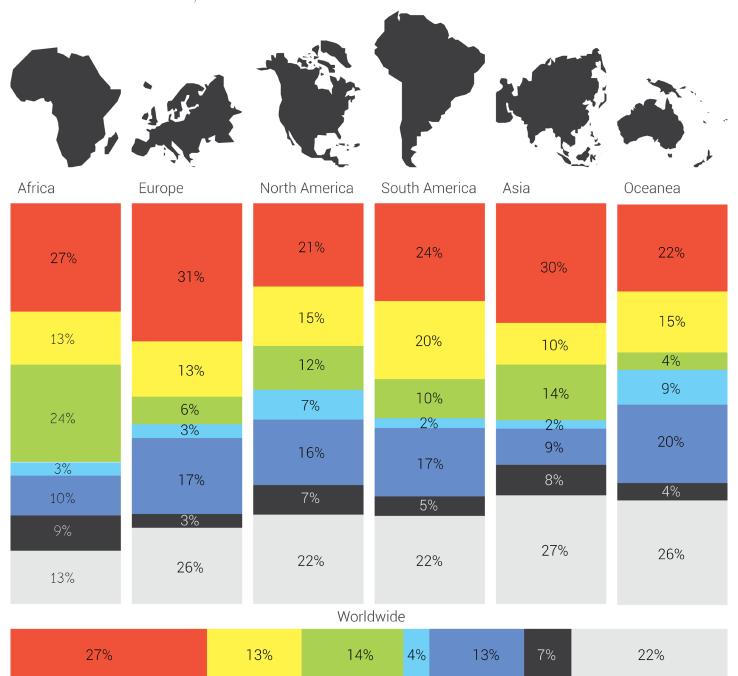
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To register: http://tinyurl.com/Inform-Reform

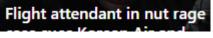
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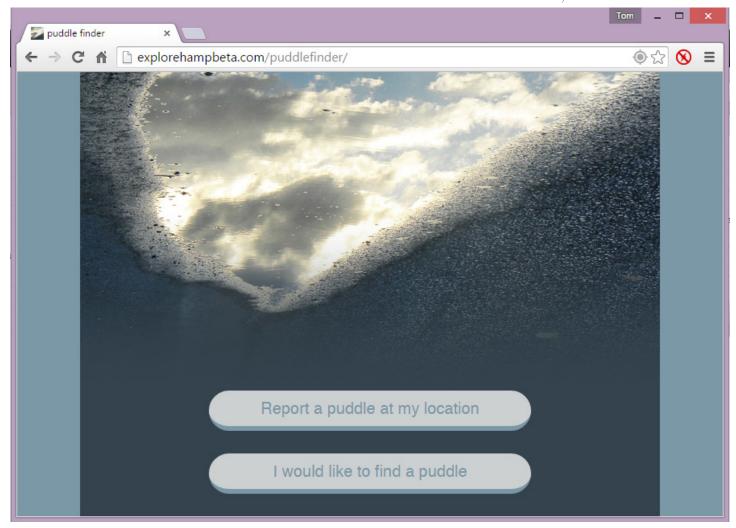
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Puddle Found! - Tom Howe



How to get to the Staircase In The Woods! - Tom Howe



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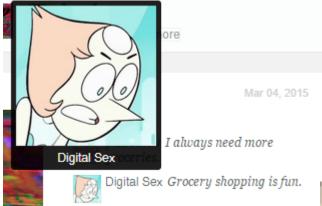
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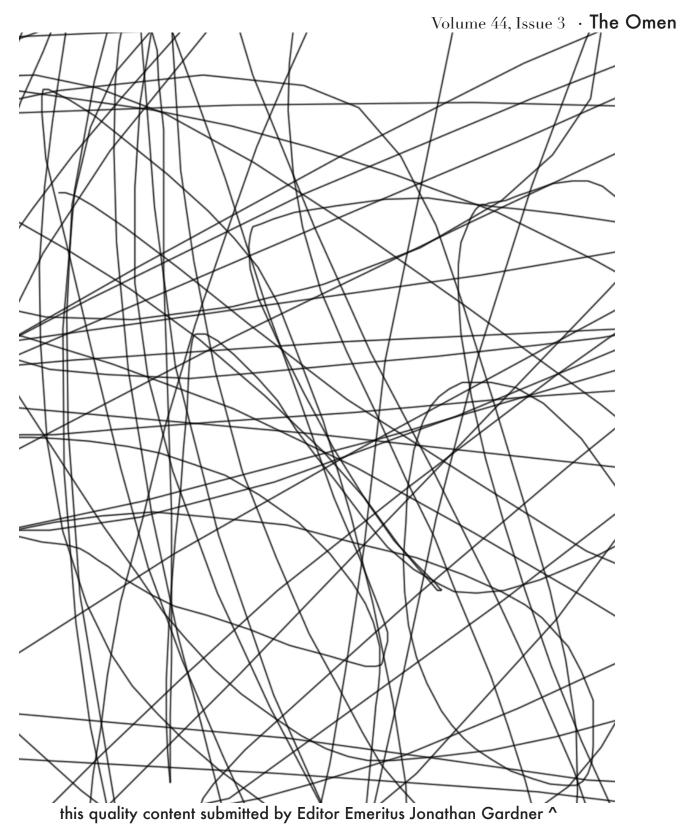


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ALL THIS SUBMITTED BY TOM "HOWE DOES HE FIND THESE THINGS" HOWE





WARNING THE NEXT TWO PAGES HAVE STEVEN UNIVERSE SPOILERS!!!

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These drawings are all by Grace! Willey!

Excited words about the steven universe season finale by Jess Ide



"I wont be anyone's prisoner anymore!"



"Hoenn Confirmed!!!"



"I am made of love! I am a conversation!

## Volume 44, Issue 3 · The Omen OH MY GOD STEVEN UNIVERSE IS SO GOOD YOU SHOULD WATCH STEVEN UNIVERSE

THERE'S ONLY 52 EPISODES OUT AND THEY'RE 10 MINUTES EACH THAT'S 520 MINUTES that is only like eight hours so just sacrifice one night of sleep and catch up it's soooo worth it (or actually space it out over a week that's only an hour and 10 minutes a day!)

So so Stevennie is canon non-binary and beautiful and perfect and Connie is an angel oh my god and in one episode she was wearing a homestuck shirt

also i headcanon steven as a trans girl like totes in the future gonna be a girl for sure i believe in steph universe oh oh oh and hoenn confirmed as a lesbian

relationship forever gay power made of gay love omg wow square mom is so great and good at singing there is much SO love even green dorito and poor for poor mirror pearl is so broken and sad and relatable and also amethyst omg poor baby let me looove yoouuu

aaaaaa and just its so utena and shoujo and perfect and if i had had this as a kid iw ould have tunrd out so much better i am tpying so uch im sO EXCITED watch stevent unvierseeee dooo ittt

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Comics by Grace Willey!



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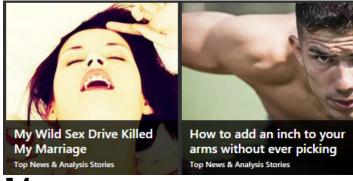
**^Submitted by Bryan Pietro** 



Tom Howe Again



^Grace Willey



"I hate how eerie this calm is" ~Jess "Why Aren't Y'all Submitting More Writing" Ide





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amnesia@amnesia:~\$ gpg -a --clearsign /media/HAMPSHIRE/to\ omen.txt && cat /media/HAMPSHIRE/to\ omen.txt.asc

You need a passphrase to unlock the secret key for user: "Adam Leibson (offline key for signing, etc.) <offline@key>" 4096-bit RSA key, ID 0xABCF73CDB43BAFCA, created 2015-02-27

----BEGIN PGP SIGNED MESSAGE----Hash: SHA512

Dear inquiring shadow ed,

My last submission was a public key of an asymmetric keypair. What I sign with my private key can be verified by my public key, such as this letter. Messages encrypted using my public key can only be decrypted with my private key (which I guard very, VERY, carefully). Here's a message I'm sending to my friend Noah, I've encrypted it with his public key.

- ----BEGIN PGP MESSAGE----

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- ----END PGP MESSAGE----

Noah -- or anyone else for that matter -- can import my public key and send me a encrypted message.

The pictures in that issue 'fingerprint' of my public key, so you can verify it's authenticity. If the pictures are out of order, it would reflect a 'fingerprint' which wouldn't correspond with the correct kev.

The key wasn't a message, but a method of sending me messages as well verifying the authenticity of messages from me.

There isn't a "secret cyberwar," but there are a handful of policy folks that want to ban crypto. It's a bad idea, for a bunch of reason. Also, we've got more pizza than them. ----BEGIN PGP SIGNATURE----

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## The Omen · Volume 44, Issue 3 "Story" by Alex De Strulle CW: Medication, distorted reality, injuries.

My whole body ached; it felt as though fire ants were living inside me. They occupied every inch and every surface. I had just begun to recover from a series of life saving surgeries that attempted to repair my spine and legs from a fall I took.

Naturally they had me on a rather large dose of pain medication. For which I was extremely grateful for. The fall had basically splintered my spine and legs. The worst part of the accident was that I had been awake the entire time.

I stared at the ceiling of the hospital and watched as the lines in it wriggled slowly. The nurses had warned me that my medication could cause hallucinations. I think I was pretty lucky considering I only saw small shadow animals running in and out of the corners of my eyes. That and of course the fact that things didn't like to stay still.

But then there was my roommate. From day one the poor guy couldn't stop shouting about how the CIA was out to get him. He interrupted my naps and was generally very annoying. Telling him to shut up was difficult and he never listened anyways.

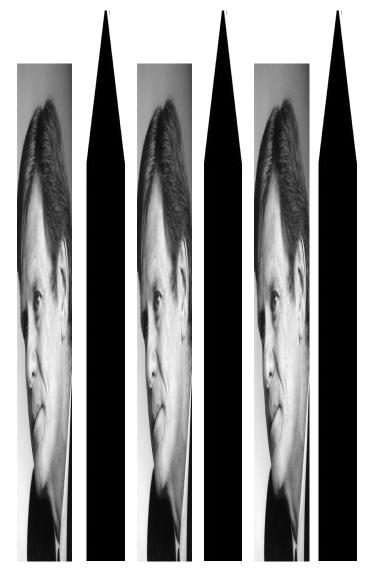
One day I decided I finally had enough. I don't care how badly this guy was injured (or even about my own severe injuries). One of us was simply going to have to get a new roommate. I summoned the nurse and waited patiently as the guy continued to shout.

She arrived with tousled blond hair and a smile. I felt a bit bad for having to pull her in just so I could bitch about my roommate but there was no turning back. "Look, this guy is driving me insane! Could you please do something about it?" I slurred out.

Her face crumpled into confusion "What guy? Is there someone next door bothering you? Or a nurse?" she asked. I was baffled, someone next door?

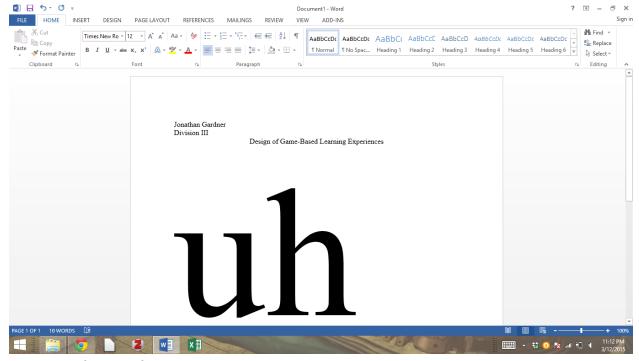
"No! The guy right here!" in a great display of uncoordinated movement I waved my arm in his direction. His cries were slightly subdued to mutters now, "He might be silent but he yells all the time! I'm trying to get some damn rest here!" I explained.

The nurse looked extremely concerned "Sir... You're by yourself".

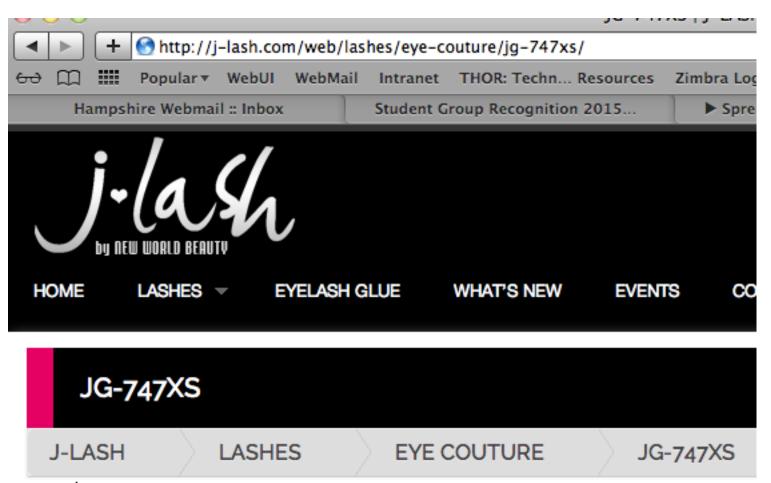




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